MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

Prescription of Text-Books in Malayalam and Tamil.

216. *MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state on whose advice the Director of Public Instruction prescribed text-books in Malayalam and Tamil, from the list of books approved by the Text-Book Committee?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The books were considered by the Director of Public Instruction personally in consultation with competent scholars within the Education Department.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know who these competent hands were?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): There were a number of them - mainly, Mr. A. Gopala Menon and Mr. V. Krishnan Tampi.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Were they members of the Text-Book Committee?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether these members first recommended these books for a particular standard and afterwards they helped the Director to alter that standard?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): It is quite possible.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether, in the Text-Book Committee, they voiced forth dissenting opinions as to the standards for which books are prescribed?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I do not quite follow the member; but I think the answer is 'no'.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): In that case, I would like to know whether that fact actually induced the Director to prescribe books for classes other than those for which they were approved by the Committee?

PRESIDENT: Instead of '*induced*' will you please say '*suggested*'?

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Yes, Sir.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Probably; the answer shows that it was the instruction or suggestion of the Director that moved the members to alter the standard.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I take it that the Director it was that wanted them to alter the standard?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The member cannot take it like that, I am afraid. The position was this. Books had to be carefully looked into and prescribed. Naturally, there were a number of them, even Arabic, French and Tamil books. It was after careful consideration and consultation that the books were prescribed.

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MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know whom the Director consulted with regard to the selection of Tamil books ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : Mainly, two officers working in my head office, namely, Messrs. Chandrasekharan and Ranga Aiyar.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Have they any special Tamil qualification ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : I believe that both of them are competent Tamil scholars.

Jenmikaram settlement and Kudiyans of Kuzhikattu Matom.

217. *MR. K R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have instructed the Jenmikaram Settlement Officer, appointed pursuant to Regulation XII of 1108, to exclude from the Settlement the properties enjoyed by Kudiyans under Kuzhikattu Matom ;

(*b*) if so, the reasons for issuing such instructions ; and

(*c*) whether the Government have received any petition from the Kudiyans of Kuzhikattu Matom, stating the grievances to which they are subject on account of their properties not having been brought under the operation of the Amendment Regulation XII of 1108 ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) :

(*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the above answer, this question does not arise.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know what action the Government took on the representation of these tenants ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : The representation was forwarded to the Dewan Peishkars for report, and certain decisions were come to.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know the nature of such decisions ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : What the representations wanted was that certain lands for which *kanam* documents had been executed should be included in the Settlement. It was found that most of these lands were not lands which would come under the classification of *jenmom* lands according to the Jenmi-Kudiyan Regulation. Therefore, naturally it was decided that settlement could not be effected in respect of such lands.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether there were not lands under this Kuzhikattu Matom which had the characteristics of *kanam* lands ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : If there are such lands, the *kudiyans* concerned are at liberty to submit a statement of such lands; and such statements will be examined carefully and decisions arrived at.

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